

Loudoun County Government
DISABILITIES SERVICES BOARD

MINUTES

September 7, 2010

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Frank Lombardi, Ken Shipman, Tim Tozer, Lovely Lall, Joe Granata, Julian Murray, Liz Mills, Angela Shirazi.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Anjan Chimaladinne, Rowe Leathers, Tom Wlodkowski.

INACTIVE MEMBERS: Greg Conrow

STAFF: Catherine Motivans, ADA Coordinator

PUBLIC: Tracee Garner (LEND); Rowena Beatty (Special Recreation Advisory Board); Ronald Hoogerwerf (proposed DSB member).

**I. PRESENTATION BY HARRY WALSH, CITIZEN RELATIONS
MANAGER**

Mr. Walsh provided a demonstration of the Active Citizen Response (ARC) database. Frank Lombardi asked DSB members to send any questions regarding ARC to Catherine Motivans.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tracee Garner provided notice of the following items:

1. Loudoun ENDependence Support Group will meet on Thursday, September 23, 2010 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
2. American Sign Language for Beginners Course being offered beginning Tuesday, October 5, 2010 in Ashburn

III. CALL TO ORDER

Frank Lombardi called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Ken Shipman motioned to approve the August 2010 minutes; Liz Mills seconded the motion. August 2010 minutes approved.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. DSB Elections

The DSB members were provided ballots to cast votes for the DSB Chair and Vice-Chair positions.

B. Development Review

The DSB finalized the date for its annual retreat, which will be held on October 23, 2010, from 9:00-3:00 at Birds of a Feather in Purcellville. Frank mentioned that he had visited Birds of a Feather and the owners are taking positive steps towards making their establishment more inviting to persons with disabilities. Frank Lombardi will distribute contacts, directions, etc. in advance of the retreat. Frank asked DSB members to let him know who would attend so he can get a head count.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Press/Feature Stories

Catherine noted that during the August 2010 DSB meeting Tom Wlodkowski indicated that he would contact Nicholas Graham with the Loudoun Times Mirror about running an article or series of articles to coincide with disabilities awareness month in October. Liz Mills said that she would also pursue making contact with Mr. Graham. The DSB mentioned the following possible ideas:

1. Highlighting Frank Lombardi;
2. School bus success story;
3. Tom Wlodkowski and VRTA; and
4. Highlight local businesses that are employing persons with disabilities.

At the conclusion of this discussion, Nicholas Graham spoke at the DSB meeting. Mr. Graham indicated that he is open to the idea of publishing an op-ed piece and committed to running an editorial in October. Mr. Graham asked for the DSB to keep its submission to 300-400 words. The DSB nominated the subcommittee for preparing the op-ed piece: Lovely Lall, Frank Lombardi, Liz Mills, Tim Tozer, and Ken Shipman.

B. Village Shopping Center Parking Spaces

Frank Lombardi researched the parking spaces requirement. According to Frank, there are handicapped spaces in the garage. However, there aren't any on the street. But, Frank did indicate that many of businesses are not yet open. Catherine said that she spoke with a person from the ADA hotline and the regulations only apply to parking lots and garages, but not on-street parking. Catherine will prepare a response to the citizen complaint. Frank said he would like to speak with Supervisor Burk before making any

potential contact with the developer of the site. Frank indicated that he will close the loop on this issue.

C. Transportation Update

Catherine reported that people who are applying for funding are in the process of putting together proposals. If the DSB wants to get involved, it needs to document its needs and submit request to the County.

VII. STAFF REPORT

Catherine distributed a handout on an upcoming Fair Housing workshop that will be held on October 6, 2010 at the Rust Library from 10:30-1:30.

Tim Hemstreet will attend the October DSB meeting. Mr. Hemstreet is familiar with DSBs from a prior job in Miami, Florida. Catherine will forward a copy of a prior DSB presentation to the Chair and Vice-Chair in advance of the October meeting.

The county government center now has electronic doors, but the signage still needs some work. Catherine plans on fixing this minor issue.

VIII. RESULTS OF ELECTION

Frank Lombardi was elected as the Chair of the DSB.

Ken Shipman was elected as the Vice-Chair of the DSB.

A motion to adjourn was passed at 9:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 5, 7:00 p.m.